

**40-2-301 Commission and office responsibilities.**

- (1) The commissioner shall:
  - (a) direct the state's efforts to promote coal mine safety; and
  - (b) participate with the Mine Safety and Health Administration in an investigation of a major coal mine accident in Utah.
- (2) The commission shall establish by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
  - (a) a system consistent with Section 40-2-302 to receive, evaluate, and act on a report of an alleged unsafe condition at a coal mine; and
  - (b) requirements for a coal mine operator regarding notification of a coal mine accident as part of a coal mine operator's emergency response plan.
- (3) The office may:
  - (a) conduct one or more studies to promote coal mine safety;
  - (b) cooperate with educational and other organizations to promote mining engineering and mine safety training;
  - (c) establish a cooperative relationship with the Mine Safety and Health Administration to promote coal mine safety in Utah;
  - (d) serve as the lead state agency in developing and implementing state and local response and communication plans for major coal mine accidents in Utah; and
  - (e) implement the notification requirements established under Subsection (2)(b).

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